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THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I am sorry that the hon. Member did not put this in the original question when it would have been answered after enquiry. If the hon. Member has got a particular case in view he could bring it to my notice when it will be looked into."

Representations received from the ex-toddy tappers of Chirakkal taluk.

72 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the ex-toddy tappers of Andur and Morazha villages of Chirakkal taluk are refused permits to tap sweet toddy to make jaggery;

(*b*) if so, why; and

(*c*) whether the Government have received any representation on the point from the ex-tappers of the villages or by their organizations and if so, what action was taken on it?

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" (*a*) Yes.

" (*b*) It was considered that any tapping concession in the locality would go against the successful working of the Prohibition Act.

" (*c*) Representations from the ex-tappers of Andur and Morazha amsams were received in February 1950 and September 1951. The request was refused as Government considered that if the concessions were granted, there was a likelihood of misuse."

SRI T. C. NARAYANA NAMBIAR :—" What were the reasons for the Government coming to the conclusion that if these toddy tappers were allowed to tap sweet toddy to make jaggery, they would misuse the concession given to them? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" Government received information from local officers that if permission was given it was likely to be abused."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" On what particular grounds was the permission to tap sweet toddy refused and why was discrimination made here when permission had been given in some other places? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
Because the Government received information from the local officers to that effect."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The Hon. Minister has said that he had received information from local officers that if permission was given to tap sweet toddy, it was likely to be abused. May I know whether the Government have got any particular

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machinery to assess public opinion or are the people really consulted in the matter before arriving at any conclusion? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"The Government have got their own machinery, Sir."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—"Does the Government really believe that where permission to tap sweet toddy is given, Prohibition is working satisfactorily? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"No, Sir."

SRI C. V. K. RAO :—"May I know whether the Hon. Minister for Prohibition is prepared to bring in legislation that toddy should always be sweet and not bitter? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"It is not possible, Sir."

SRI K. R. SAMBANDAM :—"May I know whether there are officers to prevent tapping of sweet toddy without permission? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—"There are Prohibition Officers."

SRI VAVILALA GOPALAKRISHNAIAH :—"తీపికల్లు తీయటానికి పర్మిషనుకుగాను సత్తెనపల్లి మాజీ కల్లు గీతగాండ్లు ఏమైనా దరఖాస్తు పంపించారా? వాళ్లను మొదలు co-operative society ఏర్పరచుకోమని చెప్పారా? వాళ్లను తీపికల్లు గీయటానికి ముందు పర్మిషను ఇచ్చుతున్నప్పుడే, అట్టి co-operative society పెట్టుకో వచ్చునని అన్నారా? వాళ్లకు ఆ పర్మిషను యిచ్చారా? ఆ విషయం గవర్నమెంటు నోటీసుకి వచ్చిందా?"

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—"Here is a member who can translate the question himself (laughter). Anyhow I shall translate what the hon. Member has said :

'Was there an application from certain ex-tappers of Sattenapalli taluk to tap sweet toddy? Were they told that they should get permission to form a co-operative society first? Were they told that they would be allowed to form a co-operative society only when they get permission to tap sweet toddy? Has the permission been given? Has it reached the Government's hands?'

"These are the simple questions put, Sir." (Laughter.)

MR. SPEAKER :—"This question which we are on, refers to Chirakkal taluk. The hon. Member can give notice of a separate question."

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—"In view of the admission of the Hon. Minister that Prohibition has failed in places where tapping of sweet toddy has been permitted, may I know what steps the Government propose to take to enforce Prohibition strictly? "

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" In places where the Prohibition Act is infringed, the Government withhold permission to tap sweet toddy."

SRI G. LATCHANNA :—" May I know the basis for the report of the local officers that Prohibition will be a failure if permission to tap sweet toddy is given ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" The officials are expected to make local enquiries and report the matter to Government on that basis."

SRI R. KRISHNAN :—" Will the Hon. Minister be pleased to state the names of taluks and villages in Malabar wherein tapping of sweet toddy for making jaggery is not permitted ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" I want notice, Sir."

SRI T. NAGI REDDI :—" In the case of Chirakkal taluk the Government say that reports from local officers were for the permission not being given inasmuch as it is likely to be abused. I want to know whether the Government have got specific rules and regulations for refusing permission to tap sweet toddy ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" So far as I can see no rules have been framed hitherto."

SRI P. THIMMA REDDI :—" Will the Government consider the desirability of appointing non-official committees whom they can consult whether permission to tap sweet toddy could be given or not, instead of depending on Prohibition officials who are tired of Prohibition work ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" The matter will be considered, Sir."

SRI K. GOVINDA RAO :—" Can the Hon. Minister for Prohibition cite any instance where Prohibition has not been infringed ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" I suggest that a separate question may be put."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" In order to enforce Prohibition completely, will the Government consider the desirability of cancelling permission to tap sweet toddy in view of the abuses it has led to ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—
" Each case will be considered on its merits. We cannot at this moment issue a sweeping order taking away all the concessions now in force."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" Are the local officers reporting about the desirability of issuing permits for tapping of sweet toddy taking into consideration the fact that the Minister is a prospective candidate in the locality ? "

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THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" The question may be repeated."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" I have heard the question. I do not think it is necessary to repeat it."

SRI P. RAMAMURTHI :—" The question was not put to the Hon. the Chief Minister but to the Minister in charge of Prohibition."

MR. SPEAKER :—" The Hon. the Chief Minister can answer any question."

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Apart from that, Sir, the question is grossly insinuating. When it is an insinuation, I intervene, for, repetition makes matters worse."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Hon. Members should not make insinuating remarks."

SRI T. VISWANATHAM :—" I entirely agree with the Hon. the Chief Minister that insinuating remarks should not be made. But when an hon. Member is putting a question based upon and recalling certain facts, it should not be brushed aside as mere insinuation."

MR. SPEAKER.—" If it is an insinuation, let not the hon. Member repeat the question. The rules are clear on the point." 10-45 a.m.

SRI PILLALAMARRI VENKATESWARLU :—" In view of the answer given by the Hon. Minister that in areas where permission for tapping sweet toddy was given, the Prohibition Act was infringed, may I know the general consideration of the Government in selecting this particular place and other unfortunate places for not giving permission to tap sweet toddy ? "

THE HON. SRI V. C. PALANISWAMI GOUNDER :—" I have already answered this question, Sir."

Grant of loans to the famine-stricken ryots of Darsi taluk.

* 73 Q.—SRI S. KASI REDDY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state whether the Government are granting loans to the famine-stricken ryots of unsurveyed lands in upland taluk Darsi of Nellore district ?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Takkavi loans have not so far been disbursed to ryots of unsurveyed lands in Darsi taluk of Nellore district. Orders have however since been issued permitting grant of loans in such cases."

SRI M. HANUMANTHA RAO :—" May I know the conditions attached to the granting of these loans to the famine-stricken ryots ? "